

with little to no prior juvenile justice involvement therein contributing to the racial and ethnic disparities of the adult criminal justice system," she said.

"While none of us have a crystal ball, we have learned the importance of making data-driven decisions, we have brain development and mental health science advancements and we have validated tools to guide us towards very intentional decision."

Nikola Nable-Juris with the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth testified in favor of provisions in the bill that would codify a U.S. Supreme Court decision that found life without the possibility of parole to be unconstitutional for the vast majority of juvenile offenders.

She said it costs \$2.5 million to incarcerate a child for the duration of his or her life.

"Youth should be held responsible for their actions, especially for serious crimes, and the parole board should ensure that they are fully rehabilitated before being eligible for release. However, no teenager should be destined to die in prison with no opportunity for reviews," she said.

Niki Clum, legislative liaison of the Ohio Public Defender's Office, said the bill is all about providing judges with more discretion.

The legislation, she said, "allows juvenile judges to make the substantive decision whether a youth will be tried as an adult for certain offense, requiring an amenability hearing before transfer."

"It will also allow juvenile court judges to decide whether a juvenile charged as a serious youth offender should receive a blended juvenile-adult sentence."

Former high court Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger authored the high court's original ruling. She said in written testimony that the legislation would not compromise public safety or be "soft on crime."

"Artificial mandates for transfer will disappear and decisions on the proper jurisdiction for a case will remain with the judge who is most likely to understand the intricacies of a situation," she wrote. "A judge may always find a juvenile unamenable after a hearing and may choose to transfer the case to common pleas court. The judge would no longer be prevented from full consideration of a juvenile case."

The panel also received proponent testimony from representatives of the Ohio Conservative Juvenile Justice Network and the Case Western Reserve University Schubert Center for Child Studies.

### **Bail Bonds Industry Warns Of Increased Costs To Revamp System**

The bail bond industry on Tuesday expressed strong opposition to a measure aimed at overhauling the state's bail system.

Charles Miller, president of the Ohio Bail Agents Association, said the legislation (HB 439) will lead to "get-out-of-jail-free" cards for hundreds of suspected Ohio criminals "because of an unproven risk assessment tool" it proposes.

"While some will argue that using a mathematical equation may remove bias, it also takes common sense and experience out of the equation," he said in testimony to the House Criminal Justice Committee. "The tools rely on the information provided by the defendant, which is not always accurate or complete. In addition, algorithms created for the tools merely take into consideration a defendant's criminal history, not their current crime nor their long-term failure to appear history."

Mr. Miller, one of three members of the group to offer testimony, said other states that have overhauled their bail systems have ended up sending dangerous criminals right back into the community. Eleven states have rejected similar legislation, he said.

"We don't even have to go to another state - we only need to look at our own Lucas County where this system is being piloted," he said. "In Lucas County, the failure to appear rate has climbed to estimates in the 40% range. In my business, the rate is less than 8%. That's because I have a very personal, very real incentive to ensure they appear in court and to ensure justice is served."

Asked by Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) about the 40% figure, Mr. Miller said it came from court documents in a federal case.

Theodore Owens, vice president of investigations for the Ohio Association of Security & Investigative Services, said the legislation will put a greater strain on law enforcement agencies.

"Without our assistance, the state of Ohio and local municipalities will be forced to try to squeeze their manpower and budgets to find the resources to carry out this important and critical work," he said. "I think this legislation will be a big mistake - and have a negative impact on Ohio's law enforcement, judicial process, economy and most importantly, the innocent victims of crimes in our state."

Rick Nagel, director of government affairs for City Bonding in Cleveland, echoed those sentiments, saying the bail bond industry is responsible for guaranteeing to courts more than \$16 billion in liabilities.

"Commercial bail helps to mitigate costs to the system," he said. "On rare occasions, when a defendant fails to appear, because their release was guaranteed through a bond, the courts and communities are compensated for the full amount of the bond."

John Handler, owner of Handler Bail Bonds and president of the Ohio Bail Bonds Association, said the current pre-trial assessments used by courts are adequate, citing 2011 legislation (HB86, 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly). It required a magistrate to consult with pre-trial services in setting a bond.

"Pre-trial services then informs the magistrate of their finding related to any interview conducted with the defendant, the defendant's previous record, determined risk level, as well as whether or not they are eligible for a personal recognizance bond," he said. "In addition, it called for a state-developed risk assessment tool that could be uniformly used by all counties, not multiple tools that could cause problems with uniform statewide data and multicounty defenders."

Tony Sylvester, one of four members of the Ohio Professional Bail Association to testify, downplayed the ability of electronic monitoring to prevent someone from reoffending during the pretrial period.

The cost alone, he said, would be more than the average bond.

"The simple truth is that the monitors are only as good as the technology and personnel behind it," Mr. Sylvester said. "While it is true that GPS ankle monitoring does keep tabs on a defendant 24 hours a day, the court is generally only open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Violations that take place on the evenings or on the weekends will not be seen by court staff until the next business day."

However, Lance Lemmonds of the Faith & Freedom Coalition said that the legislation will save Ohioans millions of dollars per year.

That contention, though, was questioned in testimony offered by Lou Tobin, executive director of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, and Rocky River Municipal Court Judge Brian Hagan in interested party testimony.

Judge Hagan said the data collection provision in the bill will have a major impact on courts and their staff.

"Many courts simply do not have the personnel, funding, or space to accommodate the bill's mandates," he said in testimony representing the Ohio Judicial Conference. "Additionally, the data sought would likely vary in format and reporting method from court to court."

The panel also received opponent testimony from the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association and the American Bail Coalition.

### **Debate Continues Over Bill To Require Licensing For Commercial Roofing Contractors**

Stakeholder groups continued to be at odds Tuesday over legislation to require licensure for commercial roofing contractors.

It was the measure's fourth hearing before the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, and various facets of the industry continue to be divided over the plan (HB 164) from Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville).

In one corner, representatives from the Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Columbus contractor Able Roof said the plan could drive up consumer costs and add needless bureaucratic layers to the profession.

But the Ohio Roofing Contractors Association, in supporting the proposal, accused past opponents of misrepresenting the bill and the association's position.

Dan Moore, Able Roof's executive vice president, said the bill would create additional red tape and expenses, prompting some subcontractor entities to exit the market and reducing the number of available partners for companies like Able.

Andrew Martinez, a member of the Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and board member for the Columbus Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, agreed the bill could harm small businesses that perform commercial roofing services.

"The industry is already heavily regulated, and this bill is simply too vague in its requirements of the contractors to obtain licensing, in educational background, in the fees associated," he said. "It creates an increase in expenses for additional bureaucracy."

But Fred Horner, president of Advanced Industrial Roofing and president of the Ohio Roofing Contractors Association, said previous opponent testimonies presented many misconceptions.

The proposed regulatory system of a section board with two non-union contractors, two union contractors and a building inspector has functioned successfully for other commercial trades and has prevented cronyism in many cases, he explained.

The bill also allows for grandfathering companies, Mr. Horner added in response to prior testimony. In addition, while the opposition claims that the test for obtaining a commercial contractor license places an unfair burden on companies, all the required information for the test is available on the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board's website and only one person per company must take the test.

"This bill creates a level playing field for large and small contractors alike, including those classified as independent contractors," Mr. Horner told the committee.

Valarie Pope also testified on behalf of the ORCA in an effort to clarify points made by opposition testimony in December which she said fundamentally misunderstood the current Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board's licensing program. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 12, 2017)

Ms. Pope said OCILB does not require a bond as a part of the license and the OCILB license is a contractor's license, not an installer's license. In addition, the OCILB continuing education is offered by many approved training agencies, she said.

Furthermore, a statewide license for commercial roofing contractors would streamline the process of municipal licensing and registration like it has in other trades, Ms. Pope said.

In response to points mentioned about competition in the roofing industry and allowing the marketplace to self-regulate, Ms. Pope said OCILB has done an excellent job enforcing the law requiring contractors to hold a license.

"In the same way that the mechanical and electrical specialty trades have continued to grow and thrive, with many new contractors being licensed annually, the OCILB will provide an effective, affordable, and practical industry-based mechanism to help prevent employee misclassification and the tax and insurance fraud that go with it," she told the committee.

Members of the committee lobbed plenty of questions at the witnesses on both sides of the issue.

Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) asked Mr. Moore if licensure is a major deterrent to entering the trade labor force.

Mr. Moore said licensure is another step in the process that is already long and unnecessary. And he told Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) his company works in many states, which further affects the subcontractors he could employ under the legislation.

Rep. West asked how a customer would be able to recognize a high-quality company without a license. Mr. Moore said customer reviews are a widely used tool for distinguishing the quality of work performed by companies.

Mr. Moore told Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy) that the five-year term required for licensure is unnecessary for the roofing industry and that it might also create an unfair work environment.

Mr. Martinez, meanwhile, said many small businesses do not have access the attorneys and policy advisors that large firms like his provide to navigate additional regulations. He opined that the committee needs to include more small businesses in its discussions and to avoid bills that give additional advantages to large competitors.

Rep. West asked if the licensure would recognize the competency and expertise of commercial roofing contractors. Mr. Martinez said it would not, because the bill requires the owner to have the licensing, not the tradesperson themselves. The licensing is not a standard of excellence in this case, he added.

For commercial roofing, consumers are more careful with the companies they choose so the licensure is unnecessary, Mr. Martinez said. The agency created to perform the oversight mandated by this bill is not necessary because unions are already regulating the work that is being performed, he added.

But Mr. Horner, speaking for the ORCA, told Rep. Kelly the legislation would help to bring qualified workers into the industry.

Ms. Pope agreed, telling Rep. Ron Hood (R-Ashville) that the licensure process is not a high bar in terms of eliminating competition. Instead, she said, contractors in the commercial field should be held to a higher standard.

When Rep. Hood asked why licensure would be preferred over other regulatory options such as certification or registration, Mr. Horner replied that a statewide license would be easier for all companies and contractors in Ohio and in other states.

### **Attorney General Joins Chiropractors To Highlight Non-Opioid Pain Management**

Attorney General Mike DeWine, legislative leaders and chiropractors on Tuesday sought to shine a spotlight on drug-free pain management options in the face of the ongoing opioid epidemic.

It is estimated that four of five new heroin users started out misusing prescription painkillers. Knowing that, the Ohio State Chiropractic Association is working to expand its outreach and education efforts to help stem the tide of addiction.

Patrick Ensminger, chairman of the OSCA's Opioid Task Force, likened the crisis to a homeowner returning home from a trip to find his home flooded by a running faucet. Should the homeowner first gather towels and start mopping up, he asked, or turn off the sink?

"We believe our role in this crisis is turning off the sink," Mr. Ensminger said. "There are a lot of efforts, very coordinated, very extensive, at sopping up the water but it's time to turn off the sink. It is the goal of chiropractors of our state association to do all that we can to make meaningful change for the opioid epidemic by offering non-pharmacological solutions to our patients and communities."

There were no policy proposals outlined by the group; instead Mr. DeWine said he is seeking to use his bully pulpit to highlight ongoing efforts across the state. Mr. DeWine said the OSCA's work and that of others offering such non-opioid solutions - such as acupuncture, massage, and yoga - are "one of the good news stories" he's witnessed in traversing the state.

"It's important for all of us...to recognize there are alternatives and we should be looking at these alternatives and highlighting these alternatives," Mr. DeWine said. "It is a change in culture, quite frankly - a change in culture that we are still fighting."

More exploration of alternative methods of pain management is one of the forthcoming recommendations soon to be unveiled from the AG's Insurer Taskforce on Opioid Reduction, Mr. DeWine said. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 4, 2017)

"That task force is about done," Mr. DeWine said. "We expect in the next several weeks to have an announcement of what they recommend so more is coming."

Sen. Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) was on hand to signal Senate leadership support for the OSCA's efforts. House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) was also expected to appear but was ultimately unable to attend. He issued a statement saying state leaders "need to be creative and open to all potential solutions."

But the most personal remarks came from retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Shilo Harris, a Texan who was severely injured in a 2007 roadside bombing in Iraq. The injuries, coupled with those he sustained after being rear-ended by a semi-tractor trailer years later, led to opioid addiction and to the contemplation of suicide.

"I put a pistol in my mouth...and chiropractic care saved my life," Mr. Harris said. "I was able to put that pistol down thinking about the legacy that I would be leaving my children."

It was only after he met a Canton-based chiropractor that he was able to begin recovering and start taking his life back, he said.

"This isn't a veteran problem," Mr. Harris said of the epidemic. "This isn't a state problem. This is a national crisis and we have to act right now. It starts today."

### **Third Party Audit Finds Duke 'Generally' Compliant With Disconnection Requirements**

Duke Energy "generally complies" with disconnection requirements, according to a third-party audit completed following the 2011 death of two people whose service was terminated during the winter months.

But the office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel contends the audit shows continued "cause for concern" regarding Duke practices that the counsel believes can harm consumers.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio previously determined that Duke failed to adhere to the state's winter disconnection order in that fatal case. The order provides guardrails to protect delinquent customers during the coldest months.

The death of Dorothy and Estill Easterling of Sharonville by hypothermia sparked two 2015 complaints before the PUCO - one from the family and another from the OCC. That led the commission in November to hire NorthStar Consulting Group to conduct a wider review of Duke's practices to ensure compliance with both state law and prior PUCO orders in those cases. (Case Docket)

The final report has now been submitted by the Cincinnati-based consultant and it identifies several areas of partial compliance on the part of Duke while giving the company generally passing marks overall.

"Although Duke Energy Ohio has a relatively aggressive approach to collections, it generally complies with regulatory requirements," NorthStar wrote in summarizing its findings.

The report outlines several areas of partial compliance and even in some areas with full compliance recommends certain changes to improve the company's operations and its communications with customers.

Duke Energy spokeswoman Sally Thelen said in response to the final report, "We have received the audit concerning our disconnection practices, and are reviewing it currently before determining our next steps."

The OCC too is still digesting the audit, said spokesman Dan Doron.

"While we continue to analyze the audit report, the report's findings further confirm that there is cause for concern about the effect of Duke's disconnection practices on consumers," Mr. Doron said. "We look forward to working with the PUCO and the utility toward ensuring that consumers are given all applicable state protections regarding disconnection of the electric and natural gas services that are essential for their health and welfare."

Among concerns flagged by auditors is the company's partial compliance with aspects of Revised Code sections or commission orders:

- Requiring customers to be informed of all payment options to avoid their service being disconnected.
- Stating disconnection notices be mailed separately or included in the regular monthly bill; in the latter case it must be prominently identified and contain certain specific information.
- Ensuring extended payment plans are made available to delinquent customers wishing to avoid delinquency including the possibility for a customer-negotiated arrangement.
- Establishing certain weatherization notification requirements in a Revised Code section pertaining to exceptions when shutting off electricity and gas.

Other areas of improvement were also noted, including recommending that Duke more fully market its program to ensure active duty military customers are able to avoid disconnection.

The audit was initially scheduled to be filed by Feb. 7 but the company was granted an extension.

**Gongwer Unveils 2018 Elections App**



Gongwer News Service today announced the availability of the 2018 Ohio Elections app that provides easy-to-use information and analysis of this year's elections, as well as enhanced functionality.

The app, which is available for download on devices using iOS and Android, offers exclusive analysis of races for the Ohio General Assembly, the state's U.S. House seats, the governor's race, U.S. Senate race and all other statewide contests.

The app gives users on-the-go access to detailed candidate biographical information, with options to review primary races and, eventually, general election campaigns once those races take shape.

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For most candidates, users will see links to the candidate's social media accounts, district maps, campaign websites and ways to contact the candidate, as well as biographical information. If that candidate has run for state or federal office from 2004 onward, the app also displays his or her performance in those elections.

Users also can use the Key Races function to identify only on the primaries and general election matchups that are considered competitive.

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As the campaign season progresses, and as race dynamics change, analyses will be updated.

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**Motor Vehicle Dealers Board:** Neal J. Barkan of Bexley for a term beginning March 19, 2018, and ending October 4, 2019.

**Ohio Tuition Trust Authority Investment Board:** Jack R. Green of Columbus for a term beginning March 19, 2018, and ending January 30, 2022.

**Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board:** Steven R. Bergman, PE of Cincinnati for a term beginning March 19, 2018, and ending July 10, 2019.

**State Fire Council:** Charles W. Dixon of Granville for a term beginning March 19, 2018, and ending November 1, 2018 and Thomas P. Jubeck of Mentor for a term beginning March 20, 2018, and ending November 1, 2020.

**Ohio Reclamation Forfeiture Fund Advisory Board:** T. Steven Williams of Malta for a term beginning March 20, 2018, and ending January 10, 2022.

**Oil and Gas Commission:** Phillip L. Parker of Beavercreek for a term beginning March 20, 2018, and ending October 14, 2022.

### **Supplemental Event Planner**

#### **Wednesday, April 4**

Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) Congressional fundraiser, Columbus Club, 181 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Chair: \$2,700, Host: \$1,000, Guest: \$500 to Bacon for Congress)

#### **Tuesday, April 10**

Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) and Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Crystal, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Guest: \$350 to Citizens for Gardner Committee and/or Committee to Elect Joe Uecker)

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**Subject:** I OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 189

o whom it may concern:

I am registered republican and a licensed cosmetologist in Cleveland Ohio. I work for a high end salon and have 5 years of experience. I strongly OPPOSE house bill 189. In my professional experience I believe that lowering the amount of hours to obtain a license would be extremely irresponsible. My company owns a private institute in Cleveland and I watch many students come out of school everyday and help train them. Lowering their education would be a huge mistake. There is so much more training we still have to do when they are out of school and lessening their current training could compromise not only the public's hair but their safety. This license needs to always be taken seriously. Public health and safety is at risk because those 1500 hours are detrimental to students understanding of the importance of proper sanitation, identifying skin and hair disorders, and handling chemicals in a safe manner. Ect. On top of those 1500 hours while learning he safety, they need to be learning the fundamentals of hair skin and nails. How will they have time for all of this in only 1000 hours? The minds behind this bill may say they care about education before licensure, but their main motive is money. They want cheap quick labor which is unfair to students who go in to this industry wanting a successful career. This industry has come a long way and is highly respected. I appreciate your job as a representative for our state and thank you for what you do for us citizens of Ohio. Please stop this before it changes our industry forever

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Strike Voucher Would Help Keep Oklahoma Students in Classrooms during Teacher Walkouts

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson and Lennie Jarratt, Heartland's project manager for the Center for Transforming Education, propose solutions to a potential statewide, illegal teachers strike by the Oklahoma Education Association, which would begin on April 2. Benson and Jarratt describe how strike vouchers and Student Opportunity Scholarships could prevent future strikes and keep Oklahoma children in their classrooms while unions, state officials, and school districts duke it out in the collective bargaining process.

### Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: States Continue to Enact Disruptive Sales Tax Holidays

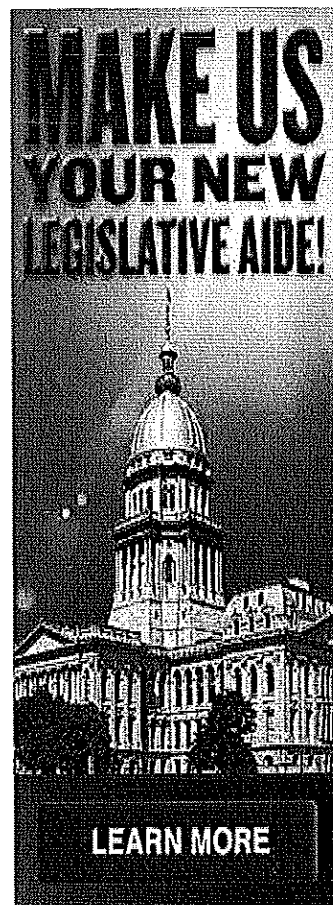
Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans describes how sales tax holidays are an accounting trick that rewards businesses more than consumers in this *Research & Commentary*. "A state that has a competitive sales tax system does not need sales tax holidays. State legislators should focus on creating a permanent, less-complicated sales tax system that benefits consumers with lower rates, instead of using a temporary tax gimmick that benefits only a small number of companies," wrote Glans.

### Health Care

Research & Commentary: New Hampshire Considers Rolling Back Medicaid Expansion

In this *Research & Commentary*, State Government Relations Manager Charlie Katebi discusses a proposal to reform New Hampshire's Medicaid program by implementing work requirements for able-bodied, childless adults. "By limiting Medicaid exclusively to those in need, New Hampshire would ensure its program is well-equipped to provide a reliable safety net for the state's truly vulnerable," wrote Katebi.

### Energy & Environment



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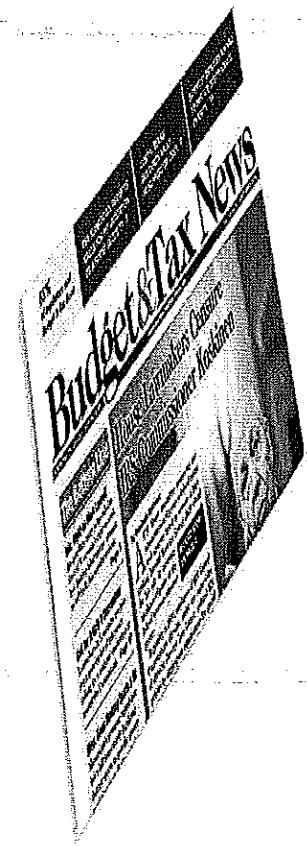
### Coal is Green

Fred Palmer, Heartland's senior fellow for energy and climate, debunks coal energy myths in the latest video installment of *Flashes of Freedom*. In a pithy manner, Palmer dispels the notion that coal is "dirty" because state-of-the-art, clean coal power plants emit almost zero emissions. Palmer also discredits the idea that carbon dioxide is "dirty," arguing CO<sub>2</sub> is a "benign gas required for life on Earth."

### From Our Free Market Friends

#### Sell Lands, Fund Schools

The Cascade Policy Institute released a new study on Oregon's 1.5 million acre portfolio of Common School Trust Lands (CSTL). If Oregon sold its CSTL holdings, the Common School Fund would increase 600 percent. Oregon only makes \$4.25 per acre, which is the lowest among nine western states with CSTL portfolios. Between 2013 and 2015, Oregon's CSTL portfolio lost more than a \$1 million in net operating income. CSTL mismanagement and low sales figures leads to fewer funds for Oregon's public schools. Lobbying and litigation from environmental groups also decreased Oregon's CSTL returns. These groups contend that commodity production is outdated, unnecessary and wish to end the sale of public lands.



In the February issue of *Budget & Tax News*, Lindsey Schulenburg reports on proposed ordinances in Springfield, Missouri, that would require hosts on Airbnb, and similar online platforms, to purchase annual business licenses and occupancy certificates from the city. They would also limit the number of

hosts allowed in a neighborhood.

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Mar 19, 2018

State Representative Sarah LaTourette  
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As constituents of your house district, we write to urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill 28, House Bill 258 and Senate Bill 145.

Abortion is one of the safest medical procedures available to women and yet these bills would make it illegal in Ohio. Abortion is a deeply personal and often complex decision for a woman and her family. Women don't turn to politicians for advice about mammograms, prenatal care, or cancer treatments; politicians should not be involved in a woman's personal medical decisions about her pregnancy.

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House Bill 258 would prevent women from getting abortions as early as six weeks into a pregnancy, before some women even know they are pregnant. It would take away a woman's right to make her own medical decisions before she would even know she had a decision to make. Senate Bill 145 bans the most common form of second trimester abortion, the D&E procedure. The only alternative to this procedure would be to induce a woman to go into early labor, significantly increasing the risk of harm to the woman and establishing yet another financial barrier.

These types of abortion bans have been struck down as unconstitutional by state and federal courts across the country. There is no question that these bills are unconstitutional. Whenever similar measures have passed in other states, they have only led to costly litigation.

Senate Bill 28, House Bill 258 and Senate Bill 145, in addition to the other bills being considered and passed by the Ohio General Assembly, are part of a larger coordinated attack on Ohioans' constitutional right to abortion. Each of these bans effectively shames and punishes women for their right to bodily autonomy and takes away the freedom to make the best decision for herself and her family.

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 28, House Bill 258 and Senate Bill 145.

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**Opportunities to Educate Students on  
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**HB 98 Passes Both House & Senate** - On Wednesday, House Bill 98 passed out of the Ohio Senate and later that day, the Ohio House agreed with the changes that were made to the bill. Both votes were unanimous and serve as a positive step forward for increasing access for students to various career opportunities. [Continue reading.](#) [Click here](#) to read about the bills we are following.



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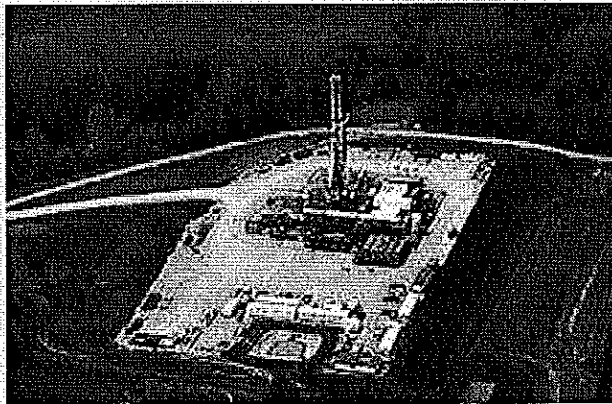
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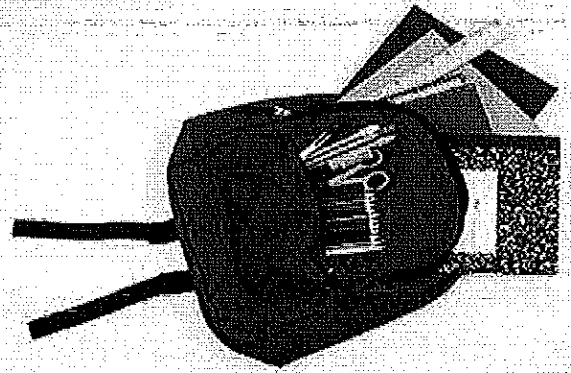
**Employer Opioid Toolkit Receives National Attention** - The Ohio Chamber of Commerce's *A Dose of Reality Employer Opioid Toolkit* received national attention on Tuesday, March 20 as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, Alexander Acosta, made a visit to Ohio Chamber headquarters to discuss the opioid crisis with members. [Read more.](#)



**Regulatory Reform Bill Clears Senate Committee** - On Wednesday, March 21, the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee voted to pass Senate Bill 221 out of committee. This bill, which is a top priority for the Ohio Chamber, attempts to curtail the burdensome rule and regulatory process faced by businesses in Ohio. [Continue reading.](#)



**Ohio Chamber Testifies in Favor of HB 430 in Senate Ways & Means Committee** - Following passage of HB 430 by the House, we were able to provide proponent testimony on Wednesday in Senate Ways & Means Committee. [Continue reading.](#)



**Sales Tax Holiday Becomes Permanent** - Senate Bill 226 establishes a three-day period each year during which clothing and school supplies and instructional materials are exempt from state and local sales tax. [Read more.](#)

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## **The Calm After the Storm**

The past three days in Washington have been especially noteworthy. It began on Friday when President Donald Trump signed a massive \$1.3 trillion spending bill into law. On Saturday, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators rallied in every state, as well as the nation's capital, against gun violence. On Sunday evening, CBS' "60 Minutes" aired an interview with Stormy Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, who alleged she had an affair with the president in 2006. Needless to say, Congress is relieved that today is the beginning of its two-week spring break.

**DYK?** Baseball season begins this week on Thursday, which will be the first time since 1968 that all 30 teams begin play on the same day.

## **After Threatening Veto, Trump Signs Spending Bill Into Law**

The \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending package that the president signed into law on Friday will likely be the last major piece of legislation to make it to his desk before the November elections. In addition to funding the government through the remainder of FY 2018, which concludes on Sept. 30, the 2,200 page bill, H.R. 1625, included numerous policy provisions that congressional negotiators debated right until the legislation was finalized on Wednesday evening. The House passed the measure (256-167) on Thursday and the Senate followed suit in the early hours of Friday, clearing the package by a vote of 65-32.

Several hours after the Senate sent the legislation to the president, Trump tweeted that he was "considering a VETO" of the package, largely because the bill failed to include \$25 billion in funding for his proposed border wall in exchange for extending protections for "Dreamers." The president also criticized Congress, Democrats, and called for the Senate to reinstate the line-item veto in their procedures (a practice ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1998).

However, after five hours of anxiety, the president put his signature on the \$1.3 trillion fiscal 2018 omnibus on Friday afternoon. Trump ultimately signed the bill "because of the incredible gains we've been able to make for the military." Although, he has threatened to never sign another bill like this again, stating that "I'm not going to do it again. Nobody read it. It's only hours old. Some people don't even know—it's \$1.3 trillion." Over the weekend, Washington had a little more time to dissect the giant bill entitled the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018" to see what made the cut. The major items of note include:



1. A budgeted **\$700 billion for defense** (an increase of \$80 billion) and **\$591 billion for non-defense spending** (an increase of \$63 billion).
2. **All military personnel are getting a 2.4 percent pay raise.**
3. A budgeted **\$1.57 billion for border security**, including barriers and technology.
4. A **fix to the "grain glitch,"** a problem in the GOP's federal tax reform bill that created incentives for farmers to sell their products to co-ops at a disadvantage to other private buyers. In exchange for the fix, Democrats added a provision expanding the low-income housing tax credit.
5. Provides **\$4 billion in funding** across agencies to **help state and local governments tackle the nation's opioid epidemic.**
6. The bill includes **\$380 million for election security grants for state election officials** to upgrade their equipment to ward off digital attacks in the upcoming November elections.
7. Provides **\$45 billion from the Highway Trust Fund**, \$1 billion above the FY 2017 levels, to five major federal highway formula programs. In addition, the bill provides an extra \$2.5 billion in discretionary highway funding that will be allocated through the existing formula grant programs.
8. The deal provides **\$650 million to Amtrak for capital projects in the Northeast Corridor. Money that will likely be directed toward the Gateway project (new tunnel)** under the Hudson River. President Trump halted the \$900 million in federal funds the Gateway project was supposed to receive.
9. The bill includes **\$600 million** for a new program within the United States Department of Agriculture aimed at **rural broadband.**
10. Created an emergency pot of money for the U.S. Forest Service to use when it exceeds its fire-suppression budget.

In broad terms, the bill increased federal spending across the board compared to FY 2017 spending levels:

1. Agriculture: \$23.259 billion (+\$2.379 billion from FY 2017).
2. Commerce-Justice-Science: \$59.6 billion (+\$3 billion from FY 2017).
3. Defense: \$589.5 billion base funding (+\$73.4 billion from FY 2017).
4. Energy-Water \$43.2 billion (+\$5.4 billion from FY 2017).
5. Financial Services: \$23.4 billion (+\$1.9 billion from FY 2017).
6. Homeland Security: \$55.6 billion (+\$13.2 billion from FY 2017).
7. Interior-Environment: \$35.25 billion (+\$2.97 billion from FY 2017).
8. Labor-HHS-Education: \$177.1 billion (+\$16.1 billion from FY 2017).
9. Legislative Branch: \$4.7 billion (+\$300 million from FY 2017).
10. Military Construction-VA: \$92.7 billion (+\$9.7 billion from FY 2017).
11. State-Foreign Operation \$54 billion (+\$900 million from FY 2017).
12. Transportation-HUD: \$70.3 billion (+\$13.826 billion from FY 2017).

NCSL's Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee has summarized the legislation for programs in the committee's purview. [Read the summary.](#)

While the massive funding bill included increased funding for most programs, many high-profile policy provisions did not make the cut, including:

1. Protections for "dreamers," or children that illegally entered the country as minors. Trump announced that the program, formally known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), would terminate on March 6. However, that move has been delayed by court action.
2. The president called for \$25 billion in funding for a border wall. Only \$1.6 billion was appropriated for border security, most of which will be used for increased border protections unrelated to the construction of the wall. However, the legislation did provide funding for 33 miles of a new barrier along the southern border.
3. Obamacare stabilization: Despite a push from key Senate Republicans, including Susan Collins (R-Maine), the funding package did not include federal subsidies that Trump ended for insurers who provide lower deductibles and co-payments for lower-earning consumers, as required by the Affordable Care Act.
4. Internet Sales Tax: Despite the efforts by South Dakota Congresswoman Kristi Noem (R), the omnibus did not include language that would allow states to enforce their sales tax laws on remote sellers that do not have physical presence in their state. As Congress failed to act, states will now have to wait for the U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear the South Dakota v. Wayfair case on April 17.

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**DYK?** On Opening Day of the 1910 baseball season, William Howard Taft became the first president to throw the ceremonial first pitch. Since then, every president besides Jimmy Carter has thrown at least one ceremonial first ball for Opening Day, the All-Star Game, or the World Series.

Harry Truman was the only president to throw out left-handed and right-handed first pitches on Opening Day.

He showcased his ambidextrous talents on April 18, 1950.

### **Trump's Tariffs: China Retaliates Against U.S. Agriculture**

In response to Trump's implementation of new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, China, the No. 2 purchaser of U.S. farm goods, released on Friday morning a list of \$3 billion worth of products it is considering raising tariffs on—including pork, nuts, fresh and dried fruits and wine. This list could grow, in response to a separate announcement, also on Friday, that the president was imposing an additional \$60 billion in tariffs on Chinese goods.

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**DYK?** Only once in history has each player on a professional baseball team finished a game with the same batting average with which they started.

That team was the 1940 Chicago White Sox, who entered and exited their April 16 game against the Cleveland Indians with a batting average of .000.

The reason? On April 16, 1940, Cleveland Indians pitcher Bob Feller threw the first and only Opening Day no-hitter in history.

## Also of Note...

- **Trump to expel 60 Russian intelligence officers – POLITICO**

The U.S. will expel 60 Russian intelligence officers and order the Russian government to close its consulate in Seattle, the Trump administration announced Monday morning. The moves are retaliation in part for the Russian government's alleged attempt to murder a former spy living in the United Kingdom.

- **March for Our Lives: Six key takeaways from the US gun control rallies - BBC**

It was the biggest gun control protest in a generation. Hundreds of rallies were staged across the US and beyond as marchers filled the streets calling for the implementation of tighter measures following the deadly mass shooting at a Florida school in February.

- **GOP senators fuel Justice Kennedy retirement talk – 6 The Hill**

Senate Republicans are privately saying they hope Justice Kennedy announces his retirement in the coming months, before the fall midterm elections, arguing the move would give Republicans something to rally their base as they work to maintain control of the Senate.

- **Cambridge Analytica raided by UK data watchdog – TechCrunch**

The UK's data watchdog, the ICO, finally obtained a warrant to enter and search the offices of Cambridge Analytica late Friday — carrying out an evidence gathering sweep of the company into the small hours of Saturday morning.

**Registration for the 2018 NCSL Legislative Summit is open – [Register Here](#)**

**Note:** Due to the congressional recess, *Capitol-to-Capitol* will not publish on April 2 and will return on April 9. [Read the March 19, 2018 Capitol-to-Capitol.](#)

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If you have comments or suggestions, please contact [Max Behlke](#).

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**TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS**  
**FROM: REPRESENTATIVES BRIGID KELLY AND KENT SMITH**  
**DATE: APRIL 2, 2018**  
**RE: CO-SPONSOR REQUEST - OVERTIME PROTECTION**

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We will soon be introducing legislation to strengthen overtime protections for the 351,000 Ohioans who will collectively work nearly 52 million hours of overtime this year alone, but are not eligible for time-and-a-half pay due to making more than \$23,660 a year.

Federal law guarantees certain salaried employees overtime pay, meaning that when they work more than 40 hours in a week, they get 1.5 times their regular pay for the extra hours. One of the bases for determining who does and does not earn overtime pay is a salary threshold, which is traditionally set by federal regulation. This means people making more than \$23,660 a year could be denied overtime pay. To put that into perspective, \$23,660 equates to \$455 a week or \$11.37 an hour. The current salary threshold - set in 1975 - has never been updated to keep pace with inflation.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) recognized this was a problem. In 2016, the DOL undertook a lengthy regulatory process to increase the threshold to \$47,476 a year and indexed the amount to increase with wage growth every three years. This was overturned in late 2017.

While the federal government sets overtime protections for the nation, states are not prohibited from setting their own, stronger standards to protect their workers. Under our bill, Ohio will revert back to the \$47,476 threshold to help hardworking Ohioans safeguard their wages and protect them from exploitation.

Ohioans have spent too long working long hours and getting nothing in return. This legislation will increase wages for Ohioans by \$450 million dollars in the next decade for those who need it the most.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, view the language or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us or our aides, Hope Lane in Representative Kelly's office at 614-466-5786, [Hope.Lane@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Hope.Lane@OhioHouse.Gov) or Catherine Worrell in Representative Smith's office at [Catherine.Worrell@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Catherine.Worrell@OhioHouse.Gov), 614-466-5441. The deadline to co-sponsor is Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

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Representative LaTourette:

Re: Opposition to Sub. H.B. 189

Our Organization was formed to give voice to the thousands of Barber and Cosmetology employees and independent contractors working in Ohio today.

HB 189 represents a slap in the face to us all. For the proponents to imply that our work is of so little import that over 40% of the training can be slashed with no ill effects is insulting. Then they are lead by business investors who care nothing for Ohio licensees!

We work hard. We create beauty. We follow proper sanitation measures and we are skilled. We are licensed to TOUCH people. We use SHARP razors and shears. We use DANGEROUS chemicals for which allergy tests must be given. We are trusted for we are well trained!

The women and men of Ohio who depend on YOU to protect them will feel betrayed to find less skill less knowledge less care in Ohio shops if this deleterious bill passes.

If so Ohio barbers will see the "worlds second-oldest profession" disappear with shaving permitted in beauty salons using a Bic razor. That hardly seems professional and was likely pushed by some national franchise chain wanting cheaper labor.

Sadly the locally-owned neighborhood salon will go out of business in Ohio while the national players will continue to bend Ohio to their needs and wishes.

We respectfully ask you to vote against Sub. H. B. 189!

Ohio Beauty & Barber Pros Organization  
Representing Ohioans Working At The Chair

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Good Morning,

President Donald J. Trump and his Administration aim to build a stronger America. Below you will find an update on the Trump Administration's action to rebuild our nation's infrastructure over the past week.

**President Trump Travels to Richfield, Ohio**

Last week, President Trump spoke to workers in Richfield, Ohio, where he touted his vision for rebuilding and modernizing America's crumbling infrastructure. The President's proposal includes \$200 billion in Federal funds to spur at least \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investments across America. The Infrastructure Initiative also seeks to reform regulations and permitting processes to speed up project completion times. "The plan I have outlined in Congress is built on four key principles. It can be passed in one bill or in a series of measures. What matters is that we get the job done," said President Trump.

**Conference Call with Ivanka Trump on Workforce & Infrastructure**

Thank you to those who were able to join last week's conference call on workforce and infrastructure with Ivanka Trump and the White House Domestic Policy Council. A top principle in the Trump Administration's infrastructure proposal is investing in America's most important asset: its people.

- **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING** | President Trump Visits Richfield, Ohio
- **GEORGIA HOUSE SPEAKER RALSTON** | A Call to Action for "Building a Stronger America"
- **THE AMERICAN WORKER** | Better Prepare American Workers for the Jobs of Today & Tomorrow
- **FACTSHEET** | Infrastructure Investment Will Build a Stronger American Economy
- **ENERGY SECRETARY RICK PERRY** | Rising LNG Exports A Sign Trump Administration's Infrastructure Policies Are Paying Off
- **COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS** | Economic Benefits and Impacts of Expanded Infrastructure Investment
- **IMPACT IN ALASKA** | LNG Project Continues to Make Progress in Alaska (*Daily News-Miner*)



“We will build gleaming new roads, bridges, highways, railways, and waterways all across our land. And we will do it with American heart, and American hands, and American grit.”

President Donald J. Trump



#### **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING | President Trump Visits Richfield, Ohio**

**Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke:** “President Trump is a builder and he knows that infrastructure is not merely an expense, it’s an investment in America. Every

dollar we put into rebuilding our roads, bridges, transmission lines, and pipelines will bolster the economy. At Interior we have tens of thousands of miles of roads and bridges, pipelines, trails, docks, and more. We also are responsible for permitting infrastructure projects whether they are on federal lands or not. Between investing in our public lands infrastructure to rebuild crumbling roads to streamlining the permitting process, we are supporting President Trump's modernization of our nation's infrastructure."

**Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue:** "The bold #infrastructureinamerica agenda from @POTUS is necessary to increase productivity and boost the economy for all Americans, including the agriculture sector. A quarter of the new federal dollars will flow to rural communities."

**National Association of Manufacturers President and CEO Jay Timmons:** "Like tax reform, a significant investment in our nation's infrastructure has the power to supercharge manufacturing in America by improving our competitiveness while also making our families and communities safer. The administration has already delivered on some important permitting reforms, and the president's call for a substantial \$1.5 trillion investment is the kind of leadership manufacturers have wanted for a very long time."

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** "Today @POTUS addressed the need for #InfrastructureInAmerica as part of his speech in Richfield, Ohio"

**House Energy and Commerce Committee:** "Our committee has been working on solutions that fit @POTUS's #infrastructure vision."

**House Natural Resources Committee:** "From the start, @realDonaldTrump has ensured environmental review and permitting process for infrastructure projects is coordinated, predictable, and transparent."

**Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY):** "Republicans in Congress are eager to answer President Trump's call to address America's aging infrastructure and the outdated rules and regulations that drive up costs. Democrats must now keep their commitment to achieve these goals. It's time to work together in a bipartisan way for the American people."

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## **GEORGIA HOUSE SPEAKER RALSTON | A Call to Action for “Building a Stronger America”**

From the world’s busiest airport to the fastest growing container port in America, Georgia leads the nation in moving people and goods. That didn’t happen by accident. On the contrary, for generations, Georgians have invested in the infrastructure necessary to facilitate our forward momentum.

Recently, we have invested in deepening the Port of Savannah with a quarter of a billion dollars in state funding. We have also modernized our funding for roads and bridges through the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB 170). We have planned prudently and invested wisely, but we still have more work to do. And, for the first time in many decades, we have an ally in Washington, D.C.

I was invited to represent Georgia at the White House last month as President Trump unveiled his infrastructure framework. Titled “Building a Stronger America,” the President’s plan builds on his strength as a builder. He is someone who spent his life creating and expanding economic opportunity for others. His plan calls for \$200 billion in new federal infrastructure funding to generate \$1.5 trillion in investments working with state and local governments as well as the private sector. Aside from the dollar amount, there are three key points to President Trump’s plan that make it good for Georgia and the rest of the country.

First, “Building a Strong America” will offer state and local governments an unprecedented level of flexibility – allowing us to make decisions at home rather than in Washington, D.C. That’s how infrastructure should be built. For too long, we



have been told where our priorities should be. Now, we will get to drive the conversation and identify projects that matter to Georgians – not bureaucrats.

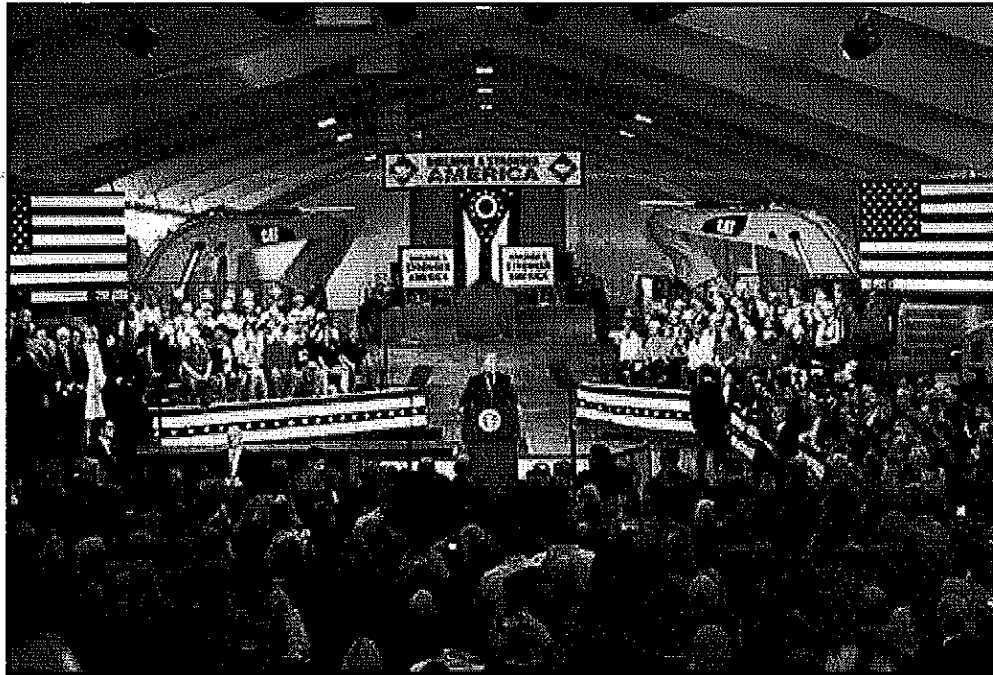
Second, the President's plan will emphasize investments in rural America. At least \$50 billion will be spent on projects outside of major urban centers. In Georgia, we have already discovered the need for these investments through the work of our House Rural Development Council. As they met in communities like Toccoa and Tifton, they learned firsthand that the lack of high-speed internet is stifling growth in our rural communities. That's exactly the kind of need that "Building a Strong America" is designed to address.

Third, this infrastructure plan will accelerate the federal permitting process. The President's goal is for the federal government to process all permits in two years or less. That will save precious time and money. Georgia has already shown the rest of the country what can happen when regulators work shoulder to shoulder with builders. When a portion of I-85 collapsed last year, early projections were that it would take several months to clear the rubble and rebuild. We did it in just six weeks. One of the key factors in the acceleration of that project was expediting the permitting process. As much promise as this plan holds, there is still a lot of work to be done to make it a reality.

I encourage you to learn more about the President's plan for "Building a Stronger America." I encourage you to share your thoughts with your representatives in Washington and ask them to work with the President on making this plan a reality. As difficult as it may be, we have to set aside our partisan differences and put America's future first. "Building a Strong America" could make our economy stronger and our future brighter. It could make America the envy of the world once again – creating thousands of jobs and driving innovation. But, none of this will happen if we don't put this plan into action. Tell Congress that it's time to get to work!

*David Ralston (R-Blue Ridge) is the 73rd Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives. He represents Fannin and Gilmer counties and a portion of Dawson County.*

[Read the full Op-Ed here.](#)



President Donald J. Trump addresses his remarks at Local 18 of the International Union of Operating Engineers apprenticeship and training site, Thursday, March 29, 2018, in Richfield, Ohio, promoting the benefits of the administration's infrastructure initiative to improve the nation's roads, bridges, railways and waterways. (Official White House Photo by Shealah Craighead)

## **THE AMERICAN WORKER | Better Prepare American Workers for the Jobs of Today & Tomorrow**

### **INVESTING IN AMERICAN WORKERS: The President's proposal will help better prepare American workers for the jobs of today and tomorrow.**

- President Trump's proposal for rebuilding infrastructure in America will help give more American workers access to education and workforce-development programs by:
  - Expanding Pell Grant eligibility to high-quality short-term programs.
  - Better distributing Federal Work Study program funds to ensure more students gain relevant workplace experience.
  - Reforming the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) program so that more funds go to programs which meet local workforce needs.
- The President is appearing at a training site for International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 18's apprenticeship and training program.

- IUOE Local 18's training and apprenticeship program is one of the largest IUOE training programs in the country, serving over 15,000 members.
- The program offers a range of opportunities for workers to develop and improve the skills they need to succeed in their fields.
- Classes offered by the program provide workers with training in operating industry machinery, including bulldozers, forklifts, cranes, backhoes, and more.
- Skills-training and apprenticeship programs like IUOE Local 18's are critical resources that help prepare workers for high-demand, well-paying jobs.
  - More than 90 percent of all apprenticeship program participants gain employment after completing their programs according to data from the Department of Labor.
- Too many American workers have been unable to fill well-paying jobs due to insufficient access to skills-training programs.
  - There are currently 250,000 job openings in the construction industry and 305,000 in transportation, warehousing, and utilities.
  - According to a 2014 study by Georgetown University, just under two-thirds of all jobs will require some form of training or education beyond high school by 2020.



## **FACTSHEET | Infrastructure Investment Will Build a Stronger American Economy**

**GROWING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY: Expanding infrastructure investment would increase American economic growth and prosperity.**

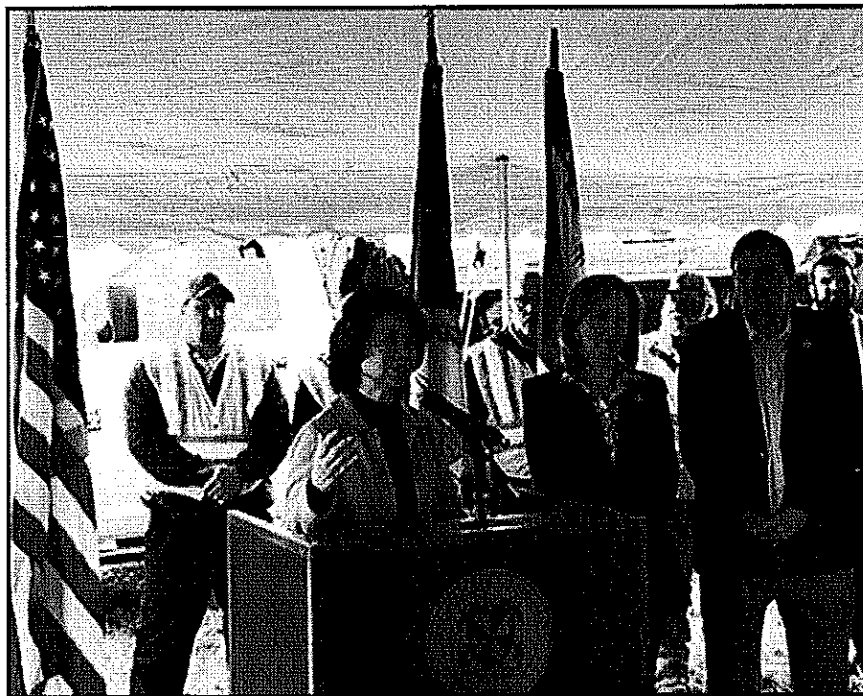
- President Donald J. Trump's proposal for rebuilding infrastructure in America uses \$200 billion in Federal funds to spur at least \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investments.
- According to an analysis by the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), a 10-year \$1.5 trillion infrastructure investment program could add between 0.1 and 0.2 percentage points to annual average gross domestic product (GDP) growth.
- Stronger GDP growth from increased infrastructure investment would help boost the American economy, raise wages for American workers, and improve the standard of living in American communities.

**GENERATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN WORKERS: New investments in infrastructure would provide American workers with well-paying job opportunities.**

- A major infrastructure investment program would provide employment opportunities for Americans who did not attend college.
- CEA estimates that a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure investment would result in the employment of 290,000 to 414,000 additional infrastructure workers, on average, over a ten-year window.
  - There are an estimated 350,000 infrastructure workers currently unemployed and available to fill positions.
  - The positive effect on employment could be even greater if States loosen licensing requirements that prevent workers from working across State lines.
- Increasing infrastructure employment would especially benefit workers with fewer years of education.
  - In 2016, 62 percent of infrastructure workers had a high school degree or less.
  - Infrastructure jobs pay workers without any college education median hourly wages that are 14 percent higher than other occupations.
  - Skilled trade jobs often involved in infrastructure work provide a wage premium of 32 percent.
- President Trump's plan includes reforms to improve access to education and workforce-development programs, including expanding Pell Grant eligibility to high-quality, short-term programs and reauthorizing the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.
  - These reforms would help prepare American workers to fill infrastructure jobs as well as jobs in other sectors of the economy.

**DELIVERING PROJECTS TO AMERICAN COMMUNITIES SOONER:  
Inefficient Federal permitting and review processes are slowing down  
infrastructure projects, delaying community access to needed improvements.**

- The time it takes for infrastructure projects to navigate Federal environmental reviews is increasing, creating further delays for much-needed infrastructure projects.
  - The final Environmental Impact Statements issued in 2016 took an average of 5.1 years to complete, up more than 8 percent from 2014.
  - Average Federal permit approval times have also increased in some sectors.
- Reforming Federal regulations and permitting processes to speed up project completion times would give communities faster access to rebuilt and modernized infrastructure.
- Reducing project completion times would give communities quicker access to the time savings, health and safety benefits, and increased business activity that come along with infrastructure investments.
- The President's plan for rebuilding infrastructure in America shortens the environmental review process to two years and establishes a "one agency, one decision" structure.



Secretary Chao in Loudoun County w/ Rep. Barbara Comstock & local officials to celebrate \$25 million TIGER Grant to the Northstar Boulevard project: "This project demonstrates the importance of cooperation between the Federal government and state and local governments"



### **Energy Secretary Rick Perry | Rising LNG Exports A Sign Trump Administration's Infrastructure Policies Are Paying Off**

*The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland, Ohio)

State and local leaders are being empowered by President Donald Trump to decide how best to rebuild America's aging infrastructure.

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President Trump's "Building a Stronger America" infrastructure initiative will empower partners at the State, local, Tribal, and private levels to invest wisely. Particular emphasis will be placed on developing rural America, which has been left behind for far too long.

And rather than erecting regulatory barriers that needlessly get in the way of infrastructure projects, Washington will focus on removing them – streamlining permitting, fast-tracking construction, and strengthening America's workforce – while putting more power where it belongs, back in the hands of locals.

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Thanks in large part to the President's policies, one of our most important exports in the coming years will be energy. We have recently become a net exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG), but fully realizing the benefits of America's energy abundance will require investments in new pipelines, railways and ports.

For example, America now has two substantial LNG export facilities in operation. Sabine Pass, spanning the border between Texas and Louisiana, and Cove Point in Maryland are currently loading LNG tankers for the international market. Six more are under construction and are nearly ready for commercial operation. Once online, these facilities will enable the export of more than 10 billion cubic feet of LNG per day to our friends and allies around the world.

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Past private infrastructure projects, like these export facilities, have languished for years under a burdensome and multi-layered federal permitting process, even though most infrastructure is not federally owned. The President's "One Federal Decision" proposal seeks to shorten permitting review to two years, or less, while continuing to protect our environment.

The President recognizes how essential a modern and vibrant infrastructure is to our economic growth. He also knows that Washington doesn't always know what's best. Rather, he trusts communities to set priorities based on their unique needs and goals. And, most importantly, he wants to get the Federal government out of the way of rebuilding America.

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# **The Economic Benefits and Impacts of Expanded Infrastructure Investment**

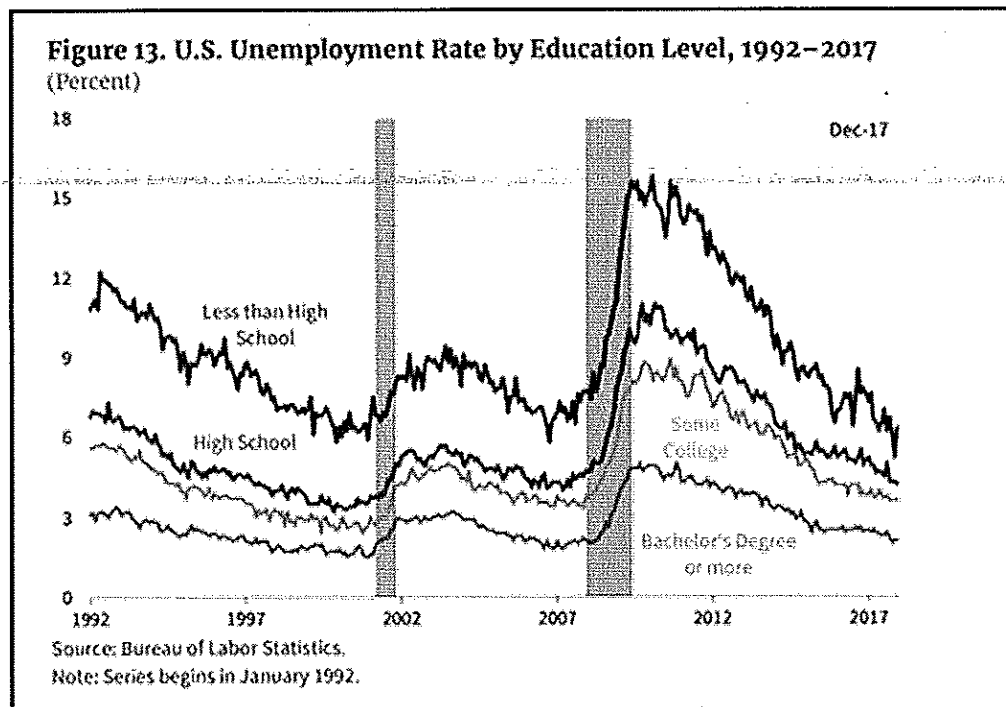
**The Council of Economic Advisers**  
March 2018

## **COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS | Economic Benefits and Impacts of Expanded Infrastructure Investment**

The Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) released a report detailing the potential economic benefits from a comprehensive public infrastructure program. Please see below for the executive summary and read the full report [here](#).

In this paper, CEA investigates the likely impacts from a comprehensive public infrastructure program. The program includes a 10-year, \$1.5 trillion program of infrastructure investment as well as new administrative and regulatory policies intended to increase efficiency and speed delivery of infrastructure projects. CEA assesses the likely impacts of the program across three key domains: GDP growth, time needed for project completion, and labor market opportunities for infrastructure workers.



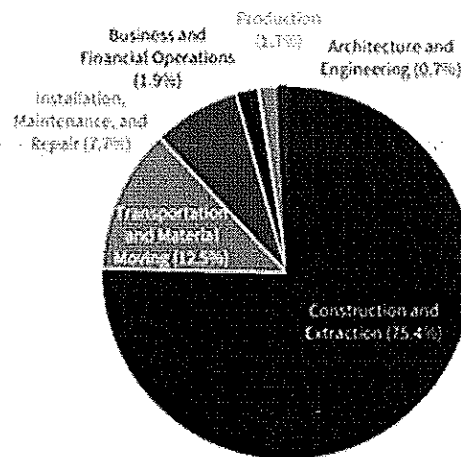


- CEA estimates that a 10-year, \$1.5 trillion program of infrastructure investment could add between 0.1 and 0.2 percentage point to average annual real growth in gross domestic product (GDP). We further argue that getting the greatest possible impact from the program will require using our existing assets more efficiently, for example by using congestion pricing to allocate scarce capacity to its best uses.
- CEA notes that the average time needed to complete final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) reached 5.1 years for EIS completed in 2016, up from 4.7 years from two years earlier. CEA also finds that the average time needed to approve pipeline permit applications submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has risen over time and estimates that the median days needed for approval of pipeline project applications submitted in 2015 was 472 days. Speeding up the time needed to complete infrastructure projects is valuable because it accelerates the receipt of project benefits. CEA notes that the full Federal environmental and permitting process includes many components, of which compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is only one element. Contingent on the projected impacts of a project, both the lead Federal agency and other agencies may have to issue permits to satisfy Federal laws, and each of those determinations would also be subject to a NEPA determination by that agency. Overall, the entire process can include many studies and procedures

that occur prior to the initiation of one agency's NEPA process and continue after that agency's NEPA process has concluded.

- Expanded infrastructure investment would also have direct implications for American workers. The President's plan would likely result in the employment of 290,000 to 414,000 additional infrastructure workers, on average, over a 10-year window, although these employment gains may be offset by losses elsewhere in the economy. Infrastructure jobs are particularly lucrative for, and disproportionately employ, workers with a high school degree or less. Infrastructure workers with a high school degree or less earn 14 percent more in median hourly wages than non-infrastructure occupations, while a subset of these workers, in skilled trades, obtain an even higher median hourly earnings premium of 32 percent.

**Figure 14. Distribution of 1.2 Million Infrastructure Workers in Infrastructure Industries, 2016**



Sources: BLS Occupation-Industry Matrix; CEA calculations.

Note: Job titles reflect 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes. For CPS analysis purposes, these occupation codes are converted to CPS/Census coding using a crosswalk provided by BLS Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections.



### **IMPACT IN ALASKA | LNG Project Continues to Make Progress in Alaska (Daily News-Miner)**

FAIRBANKS — “This schedule is a necessary step forward for the Alaska LNG project and provides a clear trajectory for Alaskans’ efforts to commercialize our massive reserves of natural gas. FERC’s schedule for this project — the largest energy infrastructure project in America — outlines a completion track by 2024 or 2025, so that it can bring affordable energy to Alaskans and help meet growing global demand for this clean-burning fuel.”

That was Sens. Dan Sullivan and Lisa Murkowski in their press release in response to some historic news that Alaskans got last week. On March 13, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission determined that it now has the information necessary to complete the analysis and publish a schedule for the drafting of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas project. The outcome of this process should be an order on March 8, 2020, that authorizes the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation to construct Alaska LNG.

On behalf of AGDC and Alaskans across the state, I want to say how grateful I am to FERC and to this federal administration for their commitment to being responsive and take action on this critical infrastructure project. It is one thing to say that a project is on the fast track – as President Donald Trump and Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke have both publicly said – it is quite another thing for actual progress to reflect that stated goal. I am impressed.

AGDC first filed an application for a Natural Gas Act Section 3 permit with FERC on April 17. That application reflected thousands of hours of work by our team. FERC reviewed more than 60,000 pages of AGDC reports in just eight months. They

responded with 801 questions seeking clarification and further data. AGDC provided responses to 100 percent of those questions by the beginning of this year. Additional questions are inevitable and typical of a project of this magnitude. We anticipate that we will continue to go back and forth in dialogue with FERC throughout the permitting process. But it is nothing short of commendable how quickly and thoroughly the lead federal regulators have worked with us so far.

The gasline is a vital component of Alaska's future and will turbocharge our economy. The Alaska LNG project will be the nation's largest energy project. This project will bring thousands of jobs to Alaskans, slash the cost of energy in our communities and allow Alaska's massive, proven, but stranded, natural gas resources to secure energy dominance for our country.

Construction equals jobs and could begin as early as 2020. We anticipate as many as 12,000 direct jobs during construction. The range of direct and indirect occupations involved in this project will require a workforce from across the state. In response to the FERC announcement, the president of the Alaska AFL-CIO stated, "We are heartened by this great news from FERC. In a short while we, along with many other Alaska organizations, will be building a workforce for this project which will help turn our lagging construction economy around."

Alaska businesses and resident workers will be first in line to benefit. The Alaska Bidder and Alaska Hire policies and a strong project labor agreement will make certain this happens. Alaskans are already training for the various roles this project will require. We can be proud of our network of in-state Joint Apprenticeship Training Centers, career and technical education providers, Registered Apprenticeship programs and the University of Alaska system. We have long been at the top of the game when it comes to oil- and gas-related training, and Fairbanks hosts the only comprehensive pipeline industry training center in the United States. To meet the employment needs of this project with Alaska hire, we must continue to expand the capacity of Alaska's training programs and institutions.

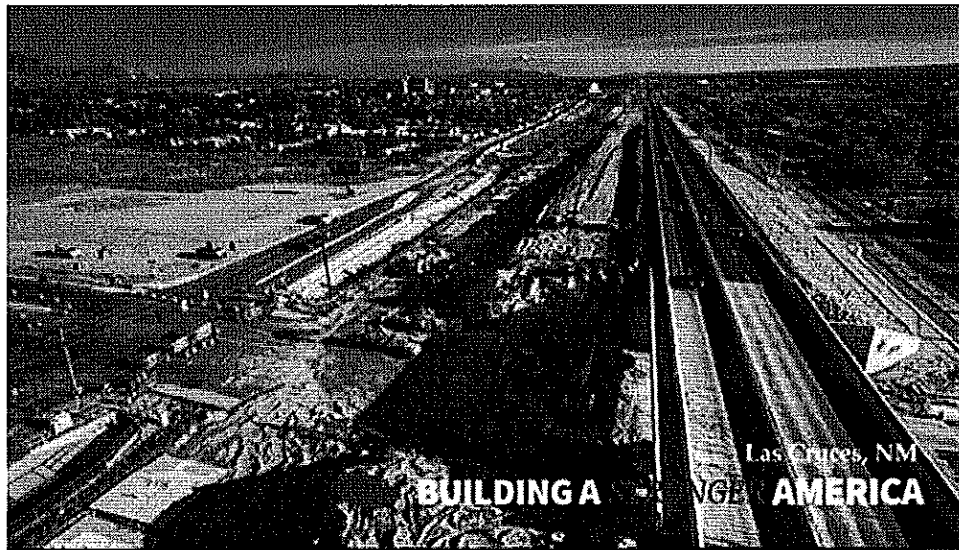
We all know that high energy costs have long presented a chokepoint for Alaska's economy. When the pipeline is complete, Alaska gas will go to Alaska communities before making its way to Asia. Access to this new source of energy could lower the cost of energy in communities such as Fairbanks by half or more. Thanks to state Sen. Lyman Hoffman, 20 percent of the state's ownership royalty share will go toward a rural capital energy fund so even communities off the pipeline corridor will benefit.

Finally, we recognize that reducing the trade imbalance between the U.S. and China is a top priority for our federal administration. Our analysts believe that no project in

the country could have a greater immediate impact on reducing that trade imbalance. Leaders in Washington, D.C., have made it clear they recognize that potential as well.

Alaska's congressional delegation, our legislators and local community leaders all deserve a lot of credit for their commitment and vision for this project. With another critical step forward last week, the team at AGDC is on track to make the Alaska LNG project deliver for all Alaskans, from Kotzebue to Ketchikan.

*Keith Meyer is president of the Alaska Gasline Development Corp.*



“We’re launching the next phase of America’s economic comeback. We’re going to rebuild America’s crumbling infrastructure.”

President Donald J. Trump

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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Nicholas D. Pottebaum  
Associate Director  
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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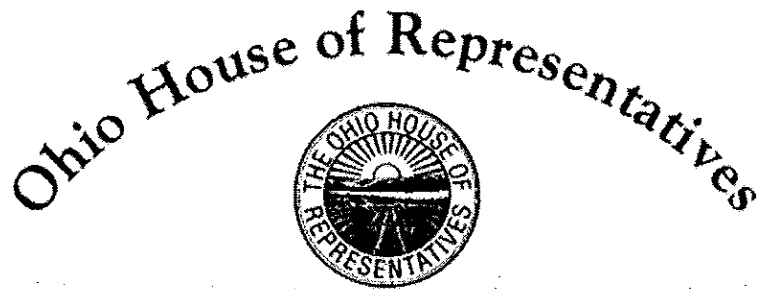
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**Subject:** Co-Sponsor Request: Overtime Protection \*Revised\*

There were a few factual errors in our co-sponsor request from Monday, below is the updated version. As always, please do not heistate to let us know if there are questions.



**Brigid Kelly**

State Representative

31<sup>st</sup> House District

**Kent Smith**

State Representative

8<sup>th</sup> House District

**TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS**

**FROM: REPRESENTATIVES BRIGID KELLY AND KENT SMITH**

**DATE: APRIL 2, 2018**

**RE: CO-SPONSOR REQUEST - OVERTIME PROTECTION**

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We will soon be introducing legislation to strengthen overtime protections for the 351,000 Ohioans who will collectively work nearly 52 million hours of overtime this year alone, but are not eligible for time-and-a-half pay due to making more than \$23,660 a year.

Federal law guarantees certain salaried employees overtime pay, meaning that when they work more than 40 hours in a week, they get 1.5 times their regular pay for the extra hours. One of the bases for determining who does and does not earn overtime pay is a salary threshold, which is traditionally set by federal regulation. This means people making more than \$23,660 a year could be denied overtime pay. To put that into perspective, \$23,660 equates to \$455 a week or \$11.37 an hour. The current salary threshold - set in 2004 - after not having been updated since 1975 is not updated to keep pace with inflation.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) recognized this was a problem. In 2016, the DOL undertook a lengthy regulatory process to increase the threshold to \$47,476 a year and indexed the amount to increase with wage growth every three years. After being tied up in court for 11 months, it was never enacted and effectively overturned in late 2017.

While the federal government sets overtime protections for the nation, states are not prohibited from setting their own, stronger standards to protect their workers. Under our bill, Ohio will revert to the \$47,476 threshold set to increase every three years, to help hardworking Ohioans safeguard their wages and protect them from exploitation.

Ohioans have spent too long working long hours and getting nothing in return. This legislation will increase wages for Ohioans by \$450 million dollars in the next decade for those who need it the most.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, view the language or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us or our aides, Hope Lane in Representative Kelly's office at 614-466-5786, [Hope.Lane@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Hope.Lane@OhioHouse.Gov) or Catherine Worrell in Representative Smith's office at [Catherine.Worrell@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Catherine.Worrell@OhioHouse.Gov), 614-466-5441. The deadline to co-sponsor is Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.



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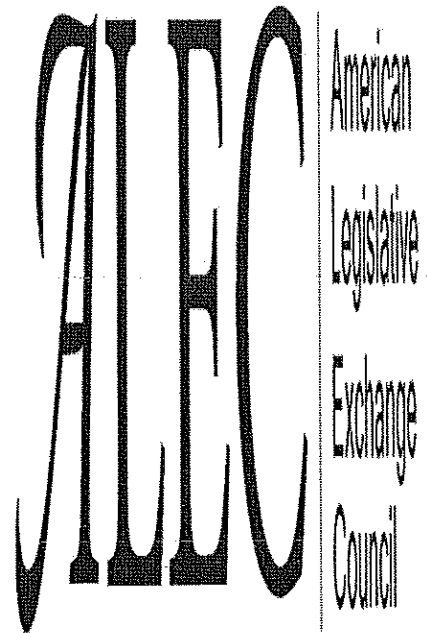
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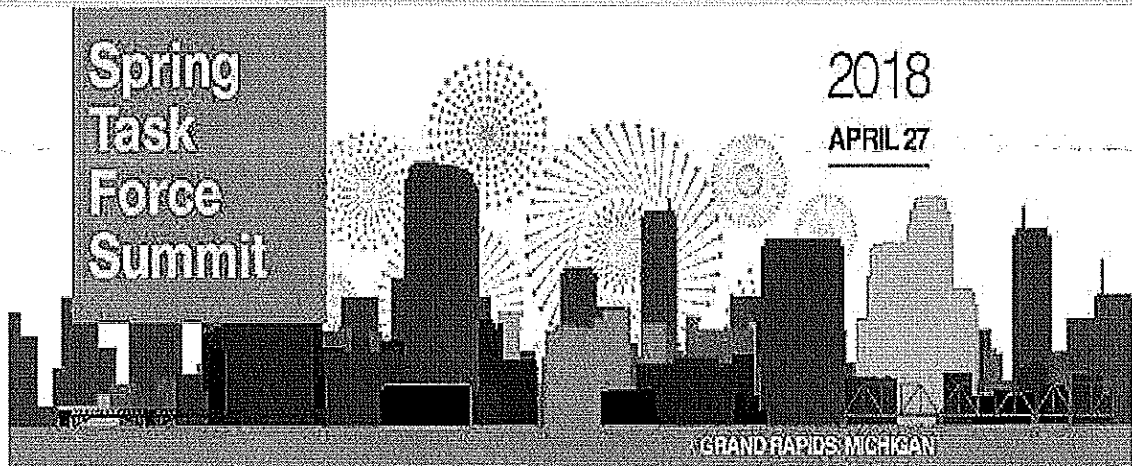
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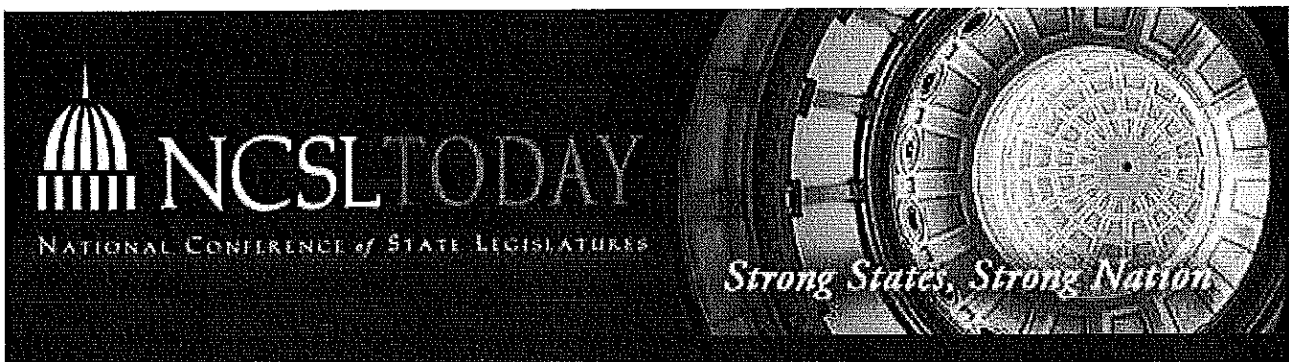
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## **TOP NEWS** April 6, 2018

### **U.S. added modest 103,000 jobs in March; unemployment rate holds at 4.1 percent**

*Associated Press*

U.S. employers added a modest 103,000 jobs in March after several months of bigger gains, though the government's overall jobs report suggests that the labor market remains healthy.

### **Ohio pharmacists must reveal cheaper drug options after 'gag order' removed**

*USA TODAY*

Fill a prescription at a pharmacy, and you might not pay the lowest price available. **NCSL research cited.**

[NCSL research on 'gag clauses'.](#)

### **Connecticut legislative committee passes recreational marijuana bill**

*The Hartford Courant*

For the first time in the Connecticut legislature, a recreational marijuana bill has made it out a committee and is headed to the full General Assembly for consideration.

[NCSL 'deep dive' on marijuana.](#)

### **Pay raise for New York lawmakers back on the table**

*Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*

Tucked within the \$168 billion state budget approved last week is a measure that could clear the way for lawmakers, state agency commissioners and statewide elected officials



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### **Expanding learning opportunities through afterschool programs**

Since children spend an average of 20 percent of their waking hours in school, education policy leaders often look at ways to provide more learning opportunities through afterschool programs.

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to get their first pay increase since 1999. **NCSL data cited.**  
[NCSL resources on legislator compensation.](#)

## **Small states, tiny towns bet on bitcoin even as some shun its miners**

*Stateline*

Bitcoin enthusiasts envision a world in which the entire economy runs on blockchain technology, allowing people to buy their homes, write their wills and even vote without the involvement of a third party

## **How China's proposed tariffs could affect states' economies**

*Governing*

Although there's no precise state-level data tracking trade exports, several federal datasets provide an idea of just how much tariffs could disrupt state economies.

## **Webinar 2 p.m. ET TODAY: Opioids and early childhood adversity**

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Summit, July 30-Aug. 2;  
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## **States aim to be 'model employers' for workers with disabilities**

Unemployment among people with disabilities remains more than double the national average. And the labor force participation rate is less than a third of those without a disability.



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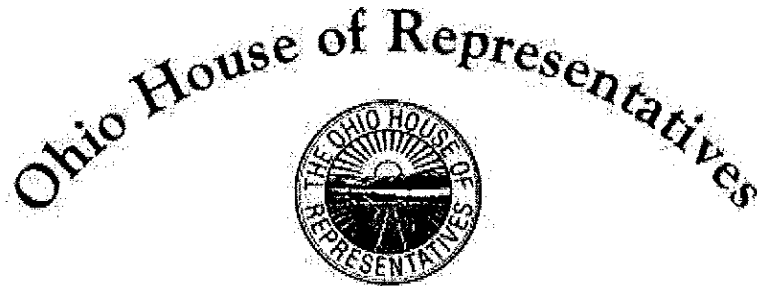
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**From:** Turscak, Ken

**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 3:09 PM

**To:** Turscak, Ken

**Subject:** Co-sponsor Request: Autonomous Commercial Vehicle Safety Act



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representatives Michele Lepore-Hagan and Jim Hughes  
**DATE:** April 6, 2018  
**RE:** Co-sponsor Request: Autonomous Commercial Vehicle Safety Act

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Dear Colleagues,

As you may know, many of America's largest technology companies and vehicle manufacturers are spending millions of dollars to research and eventually deploy autonomous/driverless passenger and commercial vehicles on roads and highways across our state and nation. The importance of this rapidly developing industry is underscored by the fact that Ohio's most recent biennial budget included funding for two new "smart highway" projects and \$45 million that will be used to test driverless cars and other vehicles at the Transportation Research Center.

While we should all be pleased that Ohio is striving to assume a leadership position in a field that will undoubtedly grow exponentially in the years ahead, we, along with many others are troubled by the impact autonomous vehicles may have on highway safety and jobs. Today, trucking companies and truck-related firms employ hundreds of thousands of Ohioans. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 70,740 heavy and tractor-trailer drivers earning an average of \$21.21 an hour live in our state today. Autonomous trucking threatens to wipe out these jobs and thousands more in the not-too-distant future.

In response to this threat to our economy and to ensure that our roadways remain safe for our families, we will soon introduce multi-faceted legislation that will encourage the continued

development of autonomous vehicle technology, enhance highway safety, and protect good paying jobs. The cornerstone of the bill is a requirement that a qualified driver holding a CDL be on board any vehicle operating autonomously within the state of Ohio. In addition, the proposed legislation will require drivers to become thoroughly familiar and proficient in the technology deployed in the vehicle they are driving/occupying and provide funding for the requisite training.

If you have any questions, concerns, or wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Ken Turscak in Rep. Lepore-Hagan's office at [Ken.Turscak@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Ken.Turscak@ohiohouse.gov) or (614) 466-9435, or Adam Beckler in Rep. Hughes' office at [Adam.Beckler@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Adam.Beckler@ohiohouse.gov) or (614) 466-8012.

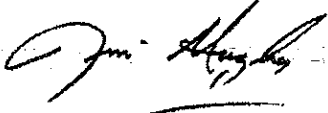
**The deadline to co-sponsor this legislation is Monday, April 16, at 5 PM.**

Thank you for your consideration.

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Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan  
Ohio House District 58

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Representative Jim Hughes  
Ohio House District 24

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**From:** nelliem@taskhomes.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:06 PM  
**To:** rep76@ohiohouse.gov  
**Subject:** REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

Dear Representative LaTourette,

As a REALTOR, and member of the Ohio REALTORS, I am asking for your support to bring House Bill 211 - our top legislative priority for 2018 - to the floor for a vote. House Bill 211 has passed the House Economic Development Commerce and Labor Committee by a 12-2 margin. House Bill 211 proposes much-needed consumer protections in the home buying process.

Home inspectors remain the only unlicensed actor in the home buying process. Their inspection report often serves as the final say in what is undoubtedly the largest financial investment a consumer will make in their lifetime. House Bill 211 simply establishes basic, common-sense standards for education and licensing of inspectors. More importantly, it provides multiple avenues for existing inspectors to continue their business operations.

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Sincerely,

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nelliem@taskhomes.com

robert

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**From:** robert@Clevelandhomes.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:06 PM  
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donnatoth

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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:07 PM  
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Donna Toth  
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Chesterland, OH 44026  
donnatoth@kw.com

**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:07 PM  
**To:** 'Donna Toth'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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**From:** Robert Gallmann  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** Rep76  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

Thank you Sarah. As a practicing Realtor, I see all the issues the lack of licensure of home inspector causes. This is a very important issue to all buyers and sellers of real estate. I appreciate you seeing the benefits this licensure would bring. If you have any questions or would like to talk further on this, please reach out any time.

Thanks,  
Rob

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F 440.793.0749  
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From: Rep76@ohiohouse.gov <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>  
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 2:06 PM  
To: Robert Gallmann <robert@clevelandhomes.com>  
Subject: RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:34 PM  
**To:** 'Stephanie Bosworth'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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From: Stephanie Bosworth [<mailto:stephaniebosworth@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 9:11 AM  
To: Rep76 <[Rep76@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep76@ohiohouse.gov)>  
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Chardon, OH 44024  
stephaniebosworth@gmail.com

**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:34 PM  
**To:** 'David Toth'  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:34 PM  
**To:** 'Deborah Salapa'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:35 PM  
**To:** 'Thomas Seaman'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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**From:** Thomas Seaman [<mailto:tseaman@kw.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 09, 2018 9:23 AM  
**To:** Rep76 <[Rep76@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep76@ohiohouse.gov)>  
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debsalapa

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**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:40 PM  
**To:** 'Deborah Kruis'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 9:38 AM  
To: Rep76 <[Rep76@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep76@ohiohouse.gov)>  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:41 PM  
**To:** rep76@ohiohouse.gov  
**Subject:** REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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debbie

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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:41 PM  
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Debbie Misseri  
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debbie@debbiemisseti.com

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**To:** 'Debbie Misseri'  
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Sincerely,

Debbie Misseri  
12477 Bentbrook Dr  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
debbie@debbiemisseti.com

**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dolezal'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

Dear Mark,

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From: Mark Dolezal [mailto:[mmm.dolezal@gmail.com](mailto:mmm.dolezal@gmail.com)]  
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 10:34 AM  
To: Rep76 <[Rep76@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep76@ohiohouse.gov)>  
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Sincerely,

Mark Dolezal  
PO Box 1176  
Middlefield, OH 44062  
mmm.dolezal@gmail.com

**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** 'Suzanne Gallmann, Suzanne'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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From: Suzanne Gallmann, Suzanne [mailto:[suzanne@clevelandhomes.com](mailto:suzanne@clevelandhomes.com)]  
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 10:39 AM  
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>  
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mmm.dolezal

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suzanne

**From:** suzanne@clevelandhomes.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:43 PM  
**To:** rep76@ohiohouse.gov  
**Subject:** REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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Suzanne Gallmann  
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Aurora, OH 44202  
suzanne@clevelandhomes.com

**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:44 PM  
**To:** 'Derek Ballash'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

Dear Derek,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Derek Ballash [<mailto:derekbballash@kw.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 10:36 AM  
To: Rep76 <[Rep76@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep76@ohiohouse.gov)>  
Subject: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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Sincerely,

Derek Ballash  
8200 Chagrin Mills Rd  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
derekballash@kw.com

**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:44 PM  
**To:** 'Pamela Raines'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

Dear Pamela,

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From: Pamela Raines [mailto:Pam.Raines@kw.com]  
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 10:35 AM  
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>  
Subject: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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Sincerely,

Pamela Raines  
18120 Thorpe Rd  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023  
Pam.Raines@kw.com

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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:44 PM  
**To:** rep76@ohiohouse.gov  
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**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:46 PM  
**To:** 'Charleen Snyder'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 11:39 AM  
To: Rep76 <[Rep76@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep76@ohiohouse.gov)>  
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Charleen Snyder  
14095 Auburn Rd  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:47 PM  
**To:** rep76@ohiohouse.gov  
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**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:55 PM  
**To:** 'richard piraino'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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From: richard piraino [<mailto:richardpiraino@howardhanna.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 1:51 PM  
To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>  
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10002 Thwing Rd  
Chardon, OH 44024  
richardpiraino@howardhanna.com

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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:56 PM  
**To:** rep76@ohiohouse.gov  
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**From:** Rep76  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:56 PM  
**To:** 'Dave Fabig'  
**Subject:** RE: REALTOR Priority - SUPPORT HB 211

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**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:57 PM  
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10767 Pekin Rd  
Newbury, OH 44065  
davefabig@howardhanna.com

**From:** Lane, Hope

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:26 AM

**To:** House\_All

**CC:** Worrell, Catherine

**Subject:** REMINDER: Co-Sponsor Request - Overtime Protection

## **Friendly Reminder – Deadline to co-sponsor is COB Thursday 4/12**



**Brigid Kelly**

State Representative

31<sup>st</sup> House District

**Kent Smith**

State Representative

8<sup>th</sup> House District

**TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS**

**FROM: REPRESENTATIVES BRIGID KELLY AND KENT SMITH**

**DATE: APRIL 2, 2018**

**RE: CO-SPONSOR REQUEST - OVERTIME PROTECTION**

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We will soon be introducing legislation to strengthen overtime protections for the 351,000 Ohioans who will collectively work nearly 52 million hours of overtime this year alone, but are not eligible for time-and-a-half pay due to making more than \$23,660 a year.

Federal law guarantees certain salaried employees overtime pay, meaning that when they work more than 40 hours in a week, they get 1.5 times their regular pay for the extra hours. One of the bases for determining who does and does not earn overtime pay is a salary threshold, which is traditionally set by federal regulation. This means

people making more than \$23,660 a year could be denied overtime pay. To put that into perspective, \$23,660 equates to \$455 a week or \$11.37 an hour. The current salary threshold - set in 2004 - after not having been updated since 1975 is not updated to keep pace with inflation.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) recognized this was a problem. In 2016, the DOL undertook a lengthy regulatory process to increase the threshold to \$47,476 a year and indexed the amount to increase with wage growth every three years. After being tied up in court for 11 months, it was never enacted and effectively overturned in late 2017.

While the federal government sets overtime protections for the nation, states are not prohibited from setting their own, stronger standards to protect their workers. Under our bill, Ohio will revert to the \$47,476 threshold set to increase every three years, to help hardworking Ohioans safeguard their wages and protect them from exploitation.

Ohioans have spent too long working long hours and getting nothing in return. This legislation will increase wages for Ohioans by \$450 million dollars in the next decade for those who need it the most.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, view the language or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us or our aides, Hope Lane in Representative Kelly's office at 614-466-5786, [Hope.Lane@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Hope.Lane@OhioHouse.Gov) or Catherine Worrell in Representative Smith's office at [Catherine.Worrell@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Catherine.Worrell@OhioHouse.Gov), 614-466-5441. The deadline to co-sponsor is Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**From:** Lamont Evans

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:58 AM

**To:** Rob McColley(DST); Randy Gardner (DST); Kevin Bacon (DST); William P. Coley (DST); Bill Beagle (DST); Peggy Lehner (DST); Steve Wilson (DST); Lou Terhar (DST); Cecil Thomas; Bob Hackett (DST); Edna Brown (DST); Matt Huffman (DST); Gayle L. Manning (DST); Joseph Uecker (DST); Charleta B. Tavares (DST); Stephanie Kunze (DST); Bob Peterson (DST); SD18@ohiosenate.gov; Kris Jordan (DST); Troy Balderson (DST); Sandra Williams; Larry Obhof Jr. (DST); Michael J. Skindell (DST); Matt Dolan (DST); Kenny Yuko; David E. Burke (DST); Frank LaRose (DST); Vernon Sykes (DST); Scott Oelslager (DST); Frank Hoagland (DST); Jay Hottinger; Sean O'Brien (DST); Joseph Schiavoni (DST); Rep01; Rep02; Rep03; Rep04; Rep05; Rep06; Rep07; Rep08; Rep09; Rep10; Rep11; Rep12; Rep13; Rep14; Rep15; Rep16; Rep17; Rep18; Rep19; Rep20; Rep21; Rep22; Rep23; Rep24; Rep25; Rep26; Rep27; Rep28; Rep29; Rep30; Rep31; Rep32; Rep33; Rep34; Rep35; Rep36; Rep37; Rep38; Rep39; Rep40; Rep41; Niraj Antani; Rep43; Rep44; Rep45; Rep46; Rep47; Rep48; Rep49; Rep50; Rep51; Rep52; Rep53; Rep54; Rep55; Rep56; Rep57; Rep58; Rep59; Rep60; Rep61; Rep62; Rep63; Rep64; Rep65; Rep66; Rep67; Rep68; Rep69; Rep70; Rep71; Rep72; Rep73; Rep74; Rep75; Rep76; Rep77; Rep78; Rep79; Rep80; Rep81; Rep82; Rep83; Rep84; Rep85; Rep86; Rep87; Rep88; Rep89; Rep90; Rep91; Rep92; Rep93; Rep94; Rep95; Rep96; Rep97; Rep98; Rep99

**Subject:** Fwd: Policy Alert

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Central Ohio Young Black Democrats <[execcoybd@gmail.com](mailto:execcoybd@gmail.com)>

**Date:** Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM

**Subject:** Policy Alert

**To:** Lamont <[Lamont703@gmail.com](mailto:Lamont703@gmail.com)>

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## **Policy Alert!!!**

### **H.B. 189 / S.B. 129**

In the Ohio House of Representatives, the standing committee on Government Accountability & Oversight recently voted, along party lines, to approve House Bill 189 (HB 189) and move it to the House floor for a vote. House Bill 189, which has companion legislation currently in the Ohio Senate's Government Oversight & Reform Committee (Senate Bill 129), would make significant changes to the state's regulation of the cosmetology and salon industry.

If adopted, HB 189 would make several changes to not only the process of obtaining a license to practice cosmetology but it would also reform what the law deems as the practice of cosmetology. The aim of HB 189 is to expedite the process of obtaining a cosmetology license by reducing the number of hours needed to become certified in the state of Ohio and providing educational onsite apprenticeships in salons.

Sponsors and proponents of HB 189 and SB 129 believe that incorporating and providing educational apprenticeships along with reducing the number of hours needed to obtain a cosmetology license while earning a minimum wage will be more affordable for aspiring

cosmetologists. Supporters of HB 189 believe that doing this will not only provide more job opportunities and career start-ups for aspiring cosmetologists but it will also allow salons to serve more potential customers with recently hired labor. Opponents of the bill, however, point out that decreasing the number of hours needed to become a certified cosmetologist, including certain forms of hair care as cosmetology, and requiring apprenticeships in salons will do far more for big-chain salons and actually harm small businesses and cosmetology schools throughout Ohio.

It is important that we, as a community, are deeply engaged in the political process and understand what our legislators are introducing in the General Assembly. House Bill 189 and Senate Bill 129 will impact a critical industry in the Black community and impact many small business owners and aspiring barbers and cosmetologists. It is critical that we make our voices heard at the local, statewide, and federal levels when issues impacting a vital source of opportunity in our community will be impacted. Please take a look at some of the pros and cons of House Bill 189/Senate Bill 129 and be sure to reach out to your State Representative or State Senator to support or oppose this critical piece of legislation. To find out who is your State Representative, please visit <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/> , and to find out who your State Senator is, please visit <http://ohiosenate.gov/members/contacting-your-senator> .

#### Pros and Cons of House Bill 189/Senate Bill 129

##### Pros

- Would expedite the process of becoming a certified cosmetologist by reducing the required number of hours one needs to be trained from 1500 hours to 1000 hours
- Would require the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology to adopt rules to establish a state-wide apprenticeship program to train registered apprentice cosmetologist the basics of the cosmetology industry. Apprentices would work 32 hours per week and earn at least a minimum wage
- Decreases the amount of student loan debt by a small margin by decreasing the numbers of hours needed to become a certified cosmetologist
- Allows salons to hire more workers and expand their profit margin through the reduction of requirements and hours needed to become a cosmetologist, therefore enabling job growth
- Requires the Ohio State Cosmetology Board to adopt rules to create a special event permits for practicing cosmetologist to provide their services at special events such as weddings, film shoots, etc.

#### Cons

- Reducing the number of hours needed to obtain a cosmetologist license would hinder the necessary skills cosmetologist need to learn how to properly sanitize salon stations. This would also reduce earning capability and render many licensed cosmetologists as low skill employees.

- The establishment of a state-wide apprenticeship program by the Ohio State Cosmetology Board would not only put great financial strain on owners of small salons and shops, which are dominated by women and people of color, but it would potentially reduce the existing salaries of licensed independent contractors
- Would eliminate the natural hair stylist license and require natural hair stylist to carry proof of registration and satisfy continuing education and sanitation requirements. Doing this would prevent people who provide these services from doing so in salons before obtaining a new license and force them to practice at home or other venues.
- Reducing the number of hours needed to become a registered cosmetologist would render many new cosmetologists ineligible to practice in many neighboring states that will still have a 1500 hour requirement to legally practice cosmetology. States such as New York and Massachusetts require only 1000 hours for licensure while states like Ohio and Minnesota currently require 1500 hours for licensure. Cosmetologist in Ohio, Minnesota and other states requiring 1500 hours of training earn up to 50% more than those in states like New York and Massachusetts.
- Less thoroughly educated cosmetologist are more susceptible to potential lawsuits and conflicts with customers due to potential inducements having to do with improper care or sanitation issues
- Would increase training costs for small salons, while allowing large chain salons to bring on more employees with lower skill



sets and at lower wages than previous years. This could potentially harm many small businesses and entrepreneurs in communities of color and create a shortage of cosmetology workers- prompting many to close for business.

It is critical that we, as a community, engage with our local officials to voice our support or concern for their actions in the General Assembly. An educated and engaged constituency has been proven to hold elected officials accountable and to incentivize legislation that is in the best interest of our communities. The Central Ohio Young Black Democrats will continue to make it our mission to keeping our community informed, up to date and well versed on not only what is happening in our local and statewide institutions, but on what we can do promote the change we wish to seek. Be sure to reach out to your State Representative and State Senator to voice your opinion on House Bill 189/Senate Bill 129.

